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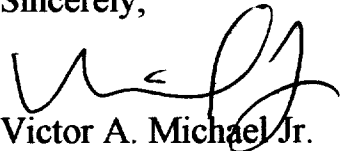
December 21, 1998

Magalie Roman Salas, Esquire
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Evergreen, Montana.

Sincerely,



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Before the
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In the matter of:)
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Amendment of Section 73.202 (b))
) RM-_____
Table of Allotments)
)
FM Broadcast Stations)
)
(Evergreen, Montana)

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 230A (93.9 Mhz) to Evergreen, Montana as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 230A (93.9 Mhz) to Evergreen and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 230A to Evergreen will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Evergreen is located in north central Montana. It is also located within Flathead County, a county of some 59,218 persons. Evergreen has a population of 4,109 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 230A to Evergreen will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Evergreen is located at Kalispell, Montana. Kalispell is located 4 kilometers from Evergreen.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Evergreen is presently without local FM service.

4. Evergreen would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 4 Kilometers of Evergreen. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Evergreen area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 230A can be allotted to Evergreen and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Evergreen, Montana	-----	230A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 230A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 230A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 48 - 13' - 34", W. 114 - 16' - 20") are that of a site located within the community of Evergreen. No site restriction will be required to allot channel 230A to Evergreen. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Evergreen. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Evergreen would benefit from the allotment of channel 230A. It has also been shown that channel 230A can be allotted to Evergreen and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 230A for Evergreen, Montana , 73.202.

8. Should channel 230A be allotted to Evergreen I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Evergreen, Montana.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: December 21, 1998

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor A. Michael Jr.", written over the printed name.

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MAPFM search of channel 230A6 (93.9 MHz), at N. 48 13 34, W. 114 16 20.

Searching Channel 230A6 (93.9 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Missoula	MT	227	C	U	133.7	95.0	170.7°	38.7
KGGL	Missoula	MT	227	C	L	134.4	95.0	171.0°	39.4
ALC	Eureka	MT	228	C3	V	92.7	42.0	321.8°	50.7
ALC	Conrad	MT	229	C1	U	189.9	133.0	103.7°	56.9
KEINFM	Conrad	MT	229	C1	L	189.9	133.0	103.7°	56.9
ALC	Spokane	WA	229	C	U	222.5	165.0	250.9°	57.5
KDRKFM	Spokane	WA	229	C	L	222.5	165.0	250.9°	57.5
ALC	Lethbridge	AB	231	C		194.9	195.0	32.7°	-0.1
K231AF	Ronan	MT	231	D	L	78.5	0.0	170.4°	78.5
K231AF	Ronan	MT	231	D	A	78.5	0.0	170.4°	78.5
K232AS	Kalispell, etc.	MT	232	D	L	9.6	0.0	238.4°	9.6

FIGURE 1
CHANNEL SPACING STUDY
EVERGREEN, MONTANA
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING